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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CURRENCY PROBLEMS IN NIGERIA

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1. ORR VISITED LAGOS, BUT DUE CHANGE IN FLIGHT CONNECTIONS,
REGRETS HE WAS UNABLE TO MEET EMBASSY.

2. PAN AM HAS APPARENTLY EXPERIENCED 3-4 MONTH DELAY
IN CONVERTING AND REMITTING PROFITS FROM NIGERIA. ORR
FEELS THIS IS DUE TO COMBINATION OF FACTORS:

A) PAN AM COMPANY INTERNAL PROCEDURES DELAYED IDENTIFICA-
TION OF PROFIT AND SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION TO CONVERT AND
REMIT;

B) REQUIREMENT THAT GON-APPROVED AUDITOR REVIEW PAN AM
PROFITS, BEFORE APPLICATION;

C) ALLEGED INEFFICIENCY OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES, PLUS

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THEIR NATURAL RELUCTANCE TO SPEEDILY APPROVE CURRENCY

OUTFLOW;

D) BANK MAILING FUNDS TO PAN AM NEW YORK, RATHER THAN
TRANSMISSION BY CABLE.

3. ORR FELT THAT PROBLEM 2A ABOVE WAS SOLUBLE, OTHERS
WERE SUSCEPTIBLE ONLY TO MASSAGE FOR RELATIVE IMPROVEMENT.

HE ASSUMES THAT ALL U.S. BUSINESS IN NIGERIA FACE
SIMILAR PROBLEMS, AND THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE UNAVOID-
ABLE. KISSINGER

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